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## **Sanitary Sewer Leak on Tinner's Hill Street in Fairfax County**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – At approximately 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2006 the Falls Church Department of Environmental Services received a report of a leak in the sanitary sewer line of the City's sewer system near 120 Tinner's Hill Street in Fairfax County. Environmental Services crews arrived on the scene at 10 a.m., flushed the blockage, and by 10:15 a.m. had contained the leak from three manholes in the immediate area.

A blockage in an 8" sewer main caused the discharge from three manholes. Because of the close proximity of two of the manholes to the Church Branch of Tripps Run, some discharge flowed into the Church Branch creek. The cause of the blockage and the amount of discharge is currently under investigation.

City Environmental Services crews immediately notified the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality of the leak and are following DEQ guidelines for absorbing the discharge and performing the appropriate cleanup.

The discharge flowed only from the impacted manholes; neither residential nor commercial properties were impacted.

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